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Mysuru-Chennai Bullet Train among 7 finalised routes

- Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai 435-km high-speed rail corridor (bullet train) to come up
- National Highways Authority of India to begin land acquisition; no delay despite COVID

New Delhi, July 31 (Agencies)- The 435-km high-speed rail (bullet train) corridor between Mysuru-Bengaluru-Chennai will finally be a reality and the route is among the network of high-speed bullet trains on seven new routes. The Indian Railways along with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) will begin the process of acquiring additional land.

According to reports from New Delhi, the NHAI will soon acquire land to lay tracks for high-speed trains along Greenfield expressways for integrated development of the rail transport network in the country. The decision to acquire additional land was taken during a recent meeting of a Group of Infrastructure Ministers led by Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari.

During the Infra Sector Group meeting, it was decided that the NHAI will take over land acquisition and a four-member committee (task force) was constituted to take this process forward. The task force will work out the modalities for acquiring land and sharing the cost.

As per reports, the Indian Railways plans to run bullet trains on 7 important new routes of the country. The seven high-speed rail corridors are Delhi to Varanasi via Noida, Agra and Lucknow; Varanasi to Howrah via Patna; Delhi to Ahmedabad via Jaipur and Udaipur; Delhi to Amritsar via Chandigarh, Ludhiana and Jalandhar; Mumbai to Nagpur via Nasik; Mumbai to Hyderabad via Pune and **Chennai to Mysore via Bengaluru**.

The Railway Board has also written to the NHAI and given details of seven high-speed rail corridors for running bullet trains for which the detailed project reports are being prepared. NHAI has been asked to depute a nodal officer for this purpose for better integration of the mammoth planning exercise.

In a related development, Railway Board Chairman V.K. Yadav said that two big-ticket projects — the Dedicated Freight Corridor and the bullet train project — aimed at a modal shift in rail operations in the country, will not be delayed despite the Coronavirus crisis.

His statement comes at a time when most infrastructure projects in the country are facing delays due to the lockdown, coupled with the paucity of labour and the economic slump.

Once the project is implemented, the bullet train from Mysuru to Chennai via Bengaluru will take just two hours and 25 minutes as against the current seven hours in Shatabdi Express which is the fastest train on this route.

On a normal train journey, it takes over 10 hours to travel between the two cities. Shatabdi travels at a maximum speed of 110 kms per hour.

The bullet train will run at a maximum speed of 320 kilometres per hour and the actual distance from Mysuru to Chennai is over 485 kilometres while the bullet train corridor will be 435 kilometres. Going by the train speed, it can cover the 145-km distance from Mysuru to Bengaluru in just 45 minutes.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

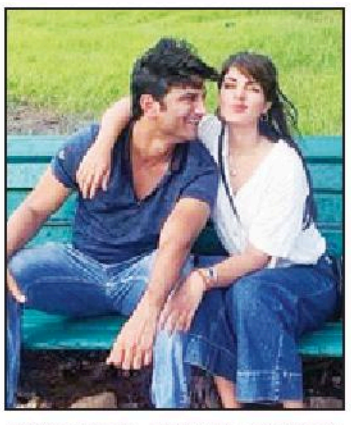
Positive cases yesterday	:	430
Total POSITIVE cases	:	4,013
Discharges yesterday	:	70
Total discharges	:	1,215
Deaths yesterday	:	9
Total deaths	:	137
Total active cases	:	2,661

Sushant Singh wanted to take up organic farming in South Kodagu

Mumbai, July 31 (OSR)- Bollywood star Sushant Singh Rajput's suicide case has taken a curious turn after his father Krishna Kishore Singh lodged an FIR against girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty and five others.

As per the FIR lodged by Sushant Singh Rajput's father K.K. Singh, Sushant Singh Rajput wanted to quit his Bollywood career and venture into organic farming, along with his close friend Mahesh Shetty. But Rhea Chakraborty did not allow the actor to do so and allegedly coerced him into staying.

According to the FIR, she threatened to leak the medical reports of Sushant Singh Rajput in the media and prove that he was 'insane'. Rhea Chakraborty was born into a Bengali family in Bengaluru.



A file photo of Sushant Singh with Rhea Chakraborty.

"At one point of time, my son decided to give up films, settle down in Coorg and pursue farming along with Mahesh Shetty. My son was blackmailed by Rhea Chakraborty who threatened him that she would make his medical history public and let the world know that he was mentally unstable, putting his career in jeopardy," Sushant Singh's father stated in the FIR.

(See SUSHANT on page 7)

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Friday 31st July 2020

COVID impact: Industries and Commerce Dept. to simplify industry registration and statutory reports

Inputs sought from Industrialists, Tax Consultants, Industry Consultants

Mysuru, July 31- The Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Karnataka, is in the process of simplifying the procedure of registrations and submission of reports.

Presently 23 Registrations and 34 Acts along with 186 reports are being maintained by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Due to Corona impact, most of the MSMEs have failed in complying with the statutory requirements of the Central and State Governments and the MSMEs are pressuring the Governments to announce an exit policy for them.

In this background, the Industries and Commerce Department has now initiated to bring some reforms, simplification and minimising the submission of reports and registrations.

Industries Department has asked Mysore Industries Association (MIA) along with other industry organisations of Karnataka to give suggestions and proposals in this process.

MIA requests all Industrialists, Tax Consultants and Industry Consultants to give their inputs in this regard by email: *mysurumia@gmail.com* before Aug. 10. For more information call Mob: 99864-44654.

The existing Acts and Reports maintained by industries are in *www.mysuruindustries.in / www.msmemysuru.com,* according to a press release from Suresh Kumar Jain, Secretary, MIA.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHAT RAHUL NEEDS TO DO: *Rahul Gandhi's self-perception of being a grand visionary and moral force has meant outsourcing of HR management and knowledge processing — allowing others to act and think on his behalf. If he wants to be in politics, Rahul Gandhi needs to pay attention to who gets the ticket and who is appointed. Assuming that he is as altruistic as he would like the world to believe, he must learn to deal and live with the pelf and perfidy of politics, starting with his own party. He needs to know what the average Congress worker in UP and Bihar thinks; he needs to pay attention to details of policy and not merely headlines. He cannot be an ordinary Congress MP as he tries to make it appear. He cannot stand at the door with one leg in and let people walk out of it. Either he leads or he quits. For a dynast there is no midway. A dynast has a baggage to carry; he also has advantages. For instance, the only political family in India that is not identified with a particular religion, caste, region, or sect is the Gandhis. Who knows when that might be fashionable again, after the current sectarian turmoil ! Rahul Gandhi could find his moment. But he has no choice of being the home quarantined moralist; he has an outside chance of making it as a workhorse.* — *Varghese K. George in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

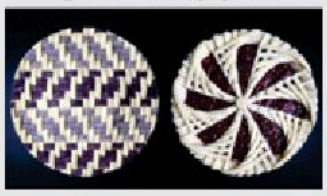
Youth goes viral for doing nothing for two hours

Jakarta: A video of an Indonesian youth has gone viral on the social media. The extraordinary work the youth did was nothing but just stare into the camera for two hours.

Indonesian youtuber Muhammad Didit, posted a 2-hour-long clip of himself sitting on a couch and doing nothing but staring into the camera. The video has since received nearly 1.5 million views and has inspired countless memes on Indonesian social media. In fact, ever since Didit's video went viral, other would-be internet celebrities have become busy imitating him, hoping to also copy his success. You can now find YouTube videos of people doing nothing for four, five and even eight hours at a time.

The 21-year-old overnight sensation said that he was inspired to record the video by requests from some of his viewers to post a positive, educational video for a change. Two hours of nothing was all he could come up with.

Baker's mesmerising sweet geometry pies

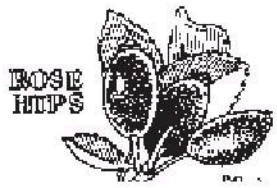


Seattle: Lauren Ko, a Seattle-based self-taught baker has rose to fame for her mesmerising sweet geometry pies. Thanks to the mathematical precision of her pie designs, most of which are inspired by complex geometric patterns.

A former executive assistant in higher education, Lauren Ko got into baking completely by accident. She saw a picture of a photoof a pie while surfing the internet and asked herself if she could do something like that. Little did she know that the seemingly unimportant self-challenge would change her life forever. After baking her first pie in 2016, Lauren never looked back and soon after starting her Instagram in 2017, her pies were already a big hit on social network. It wasn't long before juggling her job and pie making got too difficult and she decided to focus exclusively on her passion.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's a good way to get the nutritional benefits from Rose Hips?



Wash Rose Hips, chop them up and cover them in cold water. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes. You now have rose hip tea. Strain boiled hips, sweeten to taste and enjoy!

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Canara Bank offers Corona Kavach Policy

Mysuru, July 31- Due to the quick spread of highly-infectious Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), panic-stricken people are feeling insecure and scrambling to take a health insurance cover.

The steep rise in COVID cases has resulted in the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) to compel insurers to offer short-term COVID-specific health plans that will cover hospitalisation expenses related to the treatment of COVID-19.

Keeping this in mind, Canara Bank, as part of its social commitment to indemnify the unprecedented expenses of common man, has announced launch of Corona Kavach Policy by tying up with three insurance companies — New India Assurance Company Ltd., Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co. Ltd. and HDFC ERGO Health Insurance Co. Ltd. — at a very competitive premium structure, starting with as low as Rs. 300.

The salient features of the policies are: • It can be purchased on an individual basis and family floater basis.

- **The minimum sum insured is Rs. 5,000 and maximum is Rs. 5 lakh.**
- Minimum 24 hours hospitalisation is required.
- Maximum period of insurance will be 285 days or 9-and-a-half months.
- Initial waiting period will be 15 days from the date of issuance.
- No capping on room rent.
- Home care treatment as per insurer policy maximum up to 15 days.
- Treatment expenses for pre-hospitalisation of 15 days and post-hospitalisation of 30 days are covered.
- AYUSH treatment is available upto 100 % of the sum insured.
- Co-morbid conditions also covered.
- Optional hospital cash covered.

For more details, visit Canara Bank website *www.canarabank.com* or contact the nearest Canara Bank Branch, according to a press release from the Bank.

Really...?

- ***All fruits and all vegetables are low in calories. You can eat two pounds of vegetables and barely crack 300 calories. This is why you hear nutrition professionals, doctors, and other health-conscious people tell you to eat them for snacks. A pack of chips contains fat, oil, and a lot of calories. A pound of carrots contains none of those things. It is absolutely absurd how much fruit and vegetables you can eat before the calories start stacking up. One stalk of celery is about ten calories. For the average 2,000 calorie diet, you would have to consume 200 stalks of celery.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve?

HE GOT 12 MONTHS !!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.75
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.09
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.35
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.84

VOICE OF THE READER

Make Taluk Office online-friendly

Sir,

We all know that computerisation was started in Government administration at least a decade ago or even before. Things like registration of documents, land holdings information (RTC), Court proceedings, RTO Office (though not fully), KSRTC bookings etc., have been computerised to some extent.

But one Department of the Government, that is, Taluk Office (Mini Vidhana Soudha), is not providing important information to general public. Though there are computers installed in Taluk Office, they are self-serving and not useful to customers.

For example, when we register a land document in Sub-Registrar's Office, it then has to go to the Taluk Office. Then the Taluk Office officials have to distribute to the concerned for registering khatha in the name of the buyer.

After registering, when we approach the Taluk Office, the concerned official says that the Sub-Registrar's Office has not uploaded the document and he/she asks us to go back to Sub-Registrar's Office to make uploads.

The Sub-Registrar's Office officials say that they upload the document on the same day of registration and upon our insistence, they upload again and give us acknowledgment for having uploaded.

When we return to Taluk Office and show the acknowledgment, still the concerned official

say that they have not received. What should the poor customer do in this case?

Later on it was realised by the customer that 'something' was expected by the Taluk Office official. Though, we pay stamp duty to the Government, still our work does not get attended to by the officials concerned.

We have to make several trips wasting our time and money between Sub-Registrar's Office and Taluk Office and still get disappointed.

In order to avoid this, the Taluk Office should have a website of its own and publish the registered documents that they receive (uploaded) from the Sub-Registrar's Office on daily basis. Then the customers can view the status of their documents online and take it further from there.

I hope, the authorities concerned will look into this, initiate appropriate steps in this regard and stop the inconvenience meted out to the general public in these trying times of the deadly pandemic.

—R. Prakash,
Advocate

Kanakadasanagar
30.7.2020

Tragic twist in Mysuru's COVID outbreak

Husband isolated at Hospital, wife dies at Home

Mysuru, July 31 (BCT)- Tragedy struck a family in Mysuru where a woman was found dead inside her house while her husband is isolated at a COVID-19 Hospital.

Though the incident occurred on July 27, it came to light now. The person who contracted the disease is an employee of a factory in city while his wife was a home-maker. As he was tested positive, he was isolated at a Government facility.

With her husband at the hospital there was no one at home to take care of the woman and moreover she was a primary contact and as such she was quarantined at home. The woman was to give her throat swabs for tests on July 27 but was found dead. Since there was no one else at home, her death went unnoticed. The family was residing on the first floor of a building and the neighbours were aware of the fact that the woman's husband had tested positive. As they did not see the woman for over two days, they got suspicious and informed her relatives.

When the door was broke open, she was found dead on her bed. A sample taken from her body has now revealed that she was COVID-19 positive too. Reports say that her husband has been discharged from the hospital and came home yesterday.

Mysuru reports 430 COVID positive cases and 9 deaths in a single day on July 30

Mandya sees 87 new COVID cases, Kodagu reports 24 and Chamarajanagar reports 32 new positive cases

Mysuru, July 31 (KS)- In a steep spike in the number of COVID-19 positive cases, Mysuru district reported 430 new Coronavirus infections yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases to 4,013, according to media bulletin.

The increase in numbers has been attributed to rapid testing. With 430 cases in a single day, Mysuru has stood second in the State yesterday, the first being Bengaluru Urban with 2,233 positives. As many as 1,215 patients have been discharged so far including 70 yesterday and with nine COVID related deaths reported yesterday, the total deaths so far is 137. There are a total of 2,661 active cases being treated at the designated COVID-19 Hospitals, private hospitals and COVID Care facilities in the district.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State bulletin received yesterday.

MANDYA

The district reported 87 new COVID cases bringing the total positive cases to 1,500. A total of 914 patients have been discharged including 50 yesterday and the total active cases in the district are 576. Ten COVID related deaths have been reported so far in the district.

KODAGU

Twenty-four new positive cases were reported yesterday and the total positive cases are 386. As many as 266 patients have been discharged so far and the total COVID related deaths in the district is six. There are 114 active cases in the district.

CHAMARAJANAGAR

With 32 new COVID positive cases reported yesterday, the district now has a total of 625 positive cases.

30 patients were discharged yesterday and the total patients discharged so far is 364. A total of six deaths have been reported so far and there are 255 active cases in the district.

4-year B.Ed degree to be minimum qualification for teaching by 2030

New Delhi, July 31 (UNI)- The minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed course by 2030 and stringent action will be taken against "sub-standard" stand-alone Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs), according to the new National Education Policy (NEP).

The new NEP approved by the Cabinet on Wednesday has outlined several reforms for both school education and higher education. The policy has also laid down a road map for how the demands for training teachers in tune with the policy requirements will be met. "By 2030, the minimum degree qualification for teaching will be a 4-year integrated B.Ed degree. Stringent action will be taken against sub-standard stand-alone TEIs," the policy document said.

"A common National Professional Standards for Teachers (NPST) will be developed by the National Council for Teacher Education by 2022, in consultation with NCERT, SCERTs, teachers and expert organisations from across levels and regions.

"The standards would cover expected roles of the teacher at different levels of expertise and stage, and the competencies required for that stage. This could be adopted by States to determine all aspects of teacher career management, including tenure, professional development efforts, salary increases, promotions and other recognitions. The professional standards will be reviewed and revised in 2030, and thereafter every ten years," it added.

By 2021, a new and comprehensive National Curriculum Framework for Teacher Education will be formulated by the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) in consultation with the NCERT. "A National Mission for Mentoring will be established, with a large pool of outstanding senior and retired faculty who would be willing to provide short and long-term mentoring and professional support to University or College teachers," the policy said.

The new policy has also focused on transparency in teacher recruitment process and need for a mechanism for periodic performance review of teachers.

"Teachers will be recruited through robust, transparent processes. Promotions will be merit-based, and a mechanism for multi-source periodic performance appraisals will be put in place. Progression paths to become educational administrators or teacher educators will be available for teachers," it said.

Teaching up to class 5 in mother-tongue or regional language, lowering the stakes of board exams, a single regulator for higher education institutions except for Law and Medical Colleges and Common Entrance Tests for Universities are part of the sweeping reforms in the new NEP.

Last date for admission to CMA Course extended

Mysuru, July 31- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICAI), Mysuru Chapter, has extended the last date for admission to Foundation, Intermediate and Final Course of CMA (Cost and Management Accountants) up to Aug. 10 for the December-2020 term examination.

Candidates may contact Mysuru Chapter of ICAI at # 1,420, 7th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, between 10 am - 1 pm on all working days or Ph: 0821-2331083 or Mob: 99001-11552, according to a press release from M. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, ICAI, Mysuru Chapter.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Online singing contest

Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Central has organised a fund raising event Amrutha Dhaare — online singing competition in the following six categories: Patriotic song – 7 to 15 years; Devotional song – 16 to 21 years; Light music – 21 to 40 years; Folk song – 40 years and above; Film song (Kannada) and Film song (Hindi). A participant should send his/her details, Aadhaar Card copy, details of categories in which he/she is competing to Mob: 94498-23334. Last date for sending singing video is from Aug.1 to 16. Prizes will be given in each category and winners name will be announced on Aug. 25.

Zoo Tiger 'Virat' adopted

Mahendra Singh Kalappa, a social activist and President of Parisara Jagruthi Vedike, has adopted Mysuru Zoo Tiger 'Virat' for one year by paying Rs. 1 lakh towards adoption fee to Mysuru Zoo Assistant Director Manjunath.

MCC Meeting on Aug. 3

The General Council Meeting of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), for the month of August, will be held at its Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar auditorium on Aug. 3 from 11 am onwards, according to a release.

Appointed

J.C. Ithihas of Jalahalli village in Hullahalli Hobli of Nanjangud taluk has been appointed as Organising Secretary of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat considering his service activities, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	106.26 ft
Inflow	1,420 cusecs
Outflow	4,065 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,277.31 ft
Inflow	4,459 cusecs
Outflow	2,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,857.14 ft
Inflow	775 cusecs
Outflow	1,575 cusecs

Harangi Dam Full

Madikeri MLA Appachu Ranjan offers 'Bagina'

Kushalnagar, July 31 (Akshay &SD)- Following copious rains across Kodagu district, the Harangi reservoir is almost full. The dam is two feet short of reaching its maximum level of 2,859 feet at 2,857 feet this morning.

Before the crest gates were opened, Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan offered 'Bagina' to River Cauvery after performing puja to the statue of River Cauvery located at the base of the reservoir this morning.

Executive Engineer Rajendra, Harangi Reservoir Assistant Engineer Nagaraju and other BJP leaders were present on the occasion.

This reservoir is the main source of water for KRS dam in Mandya district. Irrigation Department Executive Engineer Rajendra said that water from the Harangi reservoir is now being released intothe river.

Following heavy flow in recent days, water is also being released into irrigation canals.

The right bank cannals feeding irrigated lands in Hunsur and KR Nagar taluks of Mysuru district are getting 1,500 cusecs of water every day while 400 cusecs of water is being released to left-bank canals feeding lands towards Hassan district. The inflowing water is much clear compared to last year.

Experts opine that this is probably due to growth of vegetation at the areas of landslides, which had caused heavy damage in the region, last year.

Harangi Dam provides irrigation facility to thousands of acres of farmland in Periyapattana, Hunsur and KR Nagar of Mysuru district, Arkalgud taluk of Hassan district and Kodagu district.

The Harangi Dam can hold 8.5 TMC of water.

Stray cattle, a menace on busy Narayana Shastri Road

Motorists urge MCC to act

Mysuru, July 31 (SPN&KS)- A two-wheeler rider miraculously escaped getting injured when three stray cows came in front of his bike all of a sudden near Shanthala Theatre on Narayana Shastri Road on Tuesday afternoon.

The two-wheeler rider identified as Mahesh was proceeding on his bike from Shanthala Theatre side towards Devaraja Urs Road when the stray cows came in front of his bike all of the sudden. "I managed to somehow control my bike to avoid hitting the cows and myself getting injured," Mahesh said.

The menace of stray cattle is high especially on busy roads across the city. Domestic cows are left on the roads and they move about freely hindering the movement of traffic.

Despite several warnings issued by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to cattle owners, the stray cattle menace has continued unabated across the city. These animals are seen roaming about freely on prominent roads and streets in many residential areas causing nuisance and also

posing a threat to the safety of pedestrians and motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders.

Though the MCC has issued notices, warning the cattle owners against letting their cattle to roam about on public roads, the warnings seemed to have made little impact as cattle owners still leave their animals freely on the busy roads.

A few motorists, who spoke to *Star of Mysore* said that stray cows are always found moving freely on Narayana Shastri Road, Dewan's Road and Chamaraja Double Road causing problems to them.

They added that as the cows come in front of two-wheelers, the riders apply brakes suddenly resulting in the bikes skidding causing injuries to riders and damage to vehicles.

The motorists have urged the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) authorities to issue stern warning to the owners of cows who let their animals freely on busy roads and penalise them heavily if they do not abide to the warning.

Obituary

Nidumanda Parvathy Appaiah

Mysuru, July 31- Nidumanda Parvathy Appaiah (Ajjamada), a resident of Bogadi 2nd Stage passed away this morning in city. She was 71.

She leaves behind her husband, two sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation will be held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam at 11 am tomorrow.

Book purchase for Libraries: Last date

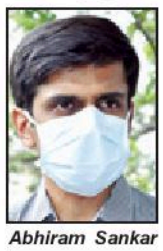
Mysuru, July 31- District Central Library is purchasing Kannada and English books (related to Kannada Literature, reference, competitive exams, encyclopedias, science, technology, law, agricultural sciences and about Jnanpith Awards), which have been published for the first time in 2020, from authors and publishers for libraries. The last date is now extended to Aug. 10, according to District Central Library Dy. Director B. Manjunath.

Social Distance Please!

Anxious DC's appeal to people after rush in markets on Varamahalakshmi festival eve

[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Mysuru, July 31 (RK&BCT)- Nothing gets India excited like the festivals do and it is a good thing. Although businesses have been experiencing a slump due to COVID-19, markets are witnessing a rush since the last two days due to the auspicious festival of *Varamahalakshmi* that falls today.



Abhiram Sankar

Every year, the festival season begins with *Varamahalakshmi Vrata* followed by festival of *Bakrid, Raksha Bandhan, Sri Krishna Janmashtami, Gowri Ganesha, Moharram* and then *Onam,* culminating with *Navaratri* or Dasara.

People thronged J.K. Grounds two days before the first-of-the-lot *Varamahalakshmi* Festival to purchase flowers and fruits. To avoid crowds at the heritage Devaraja Market and other markets due to COVID-19 pandemic, the flower market was shifted to the sprawling Jeevarayanakatte or J.K. Grounds near the city Railway Station.

Norms gone with the wind

The District Administration and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had made arrangements at the venue for the vendors and buyers enabling them to maintain social distancing. But to the shock of the officials, huge rush was witnessed and yesterday, the crowds were literally unmanageable throwing all the social distancing norms into thin air.

While people jostled for space amidst the crowd to purchase festival flowers and fruits at the cheapest possible rates, the vendors, equally enthusiastic, wanted to empty their stocks quickly with an eye on profits. The victim, however, was social distancing, defeating the very purpose of shifting the flower market to J.K. Grounds.

Expressing his shock and disbelief at the rush amidst the pandemic, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner **Abhiram G. Sankar** told *Star of Mysore* this morning that people still are not serious about the COVID-19 virus. "How much can the Government do? People, despite rising deaths and daily spike in infections in Mysuru, are not bothered. They are not scared and in the process, they are giving way for the virus to spread," he said.

"Fruits and vegetables are essentials required for sustenance during this Coronavirus crisis. With mandis and markets becoming a hotspot for the virus, the spread of the virus could become difficult to stop. And this is the reason why the markets were shifted to J.K. Grounds. Sadly, the purpose is defeated," he rued.

DC appeal

COVID is risky because people spread the disease without being aware of it. "It looks like the Varamahalakshmi purchase at J.K. Grounds is a super-spreader. If people do not watch out and don't maintain social distancing, things might lead to chaos in the coming days. Now that the Government has literally lifted all restrictions except swimming pools and cinemas, people must be more vigilant. I humbly request the people to maintain social distance, sanitise and wear face masks as they are the only way we can prevent its spread," he added.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that today, July 31, is the last day for markets at J.K. Grounds and from tomorrow they will be back at the regular markets.

A safe and low-key Bakrid

Children below 10 and people above 60 must mandatorily remain at homes: DC

Mysuru, July 31 (RK&BCT)- This *Bakrid* (tomorrow) will be celebrated in a simple and symbolic manner in view of the Coronavirus pandemic. The State Government and District Administration has allowed *Eid-ul-Azha* prayers only in mosques, that too with a maximum of 50 people at a time and said mass prayers at Eidgah and other places are prohibited in view of COVID-19 outbreak.

People visiting mosques for the prayers have to wear face masks and maintain social distancing. State Minority Welfare and Wakf Department has stated that prayers would be allowed in mosques with the restriction that not more than 50 people should take part. If there were more people, the prayers should be performed in batches, the Department said in the order.

At least six feet distance needs to be maintained while offering prayer. Thermal scanning needs to be done before entering the mosque. Hands need to be washed in soap or sanitisers. No one should touch the holy books in the mosque. Hand shaking and embracing to greet will also not be allowed. If any strangers are seen, their movement should be monitored, the order stated.

Mass prayers should not be performed in any other places such as halls, community buildings and 'Shadi Mahal', the order added. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that children below 10 and people above 60 must mandatorily remain at homes and must not come out for prayers. They must avoid coming out of the houses in the name of the festival, he added.

Holding a series of meetings with the people, Moulvis and local voluntary organisations at various places including Milad Park on Ashoka Road, Nehru Park at Udayagiri and near mosques, Narasimharaja ACP Shivashankar and Devaraja ACP Shashidhar briefed the community members about celebrating the festival keeping in mind the COVID guidelines.

People have extended co-operation while celebrating all festivals till now (during the lockdown). Similar co-operation is expected while celebrating *Bakrid*. It should be celebrated by respecting religious sentiments, they said.

Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion faces monumental apathy

Heritage Committee writes to custodian University of Mysore seeking immediate repairs

Mysuru, July 31 (RK&BCT)- The 113-year-old Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, a heritage structure located in the sprawling Manasagangothri campus, housing some of the finest priceless artefacts, is lying in a state of neglect and disrepair even after philanthropist and Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty spending Rs. 1.17 crore to renovate the majestic structure in 2001.

The mansion, now under University of Mysore (UoM) and converted into a Museum, is in the tourist itinerary and part of the heritage walk and cycle tours also. However, the building, which is built of brick, mortar, timber and iron without any stone being used, has become weak and developed cracks in many places.

The condition of the Mansion has drawn the attention of Heritage Expert Committee that has written a letter to Vice-Chancellor of Universality of Mysore Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar seeking immediate repairs and restoration of the building. The Government-appointed Committee has said that the way the heritage structure is maintained is a sad reflection on the state of affairs in the century-old University.

The letter has been signed by Maj. Gen (Retd.) S.G. Vombatkere, Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, who is a Member, Expert Committee for Development and Protection of Mysore Heritage Region and Convenor, INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage), N.R. Ashok, Dr. H.D. Nagesh and former Dean of Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts Prof. V.A. Deshpande.

A 1905 mansion

The mansion was constructed in 1905 by mother of Nalwadi Krishna Raja Wadiyar, for Princess Jayalakshammanni. The University of Mysore purchased Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion in 1959 for Rs. 10 lakh when K.V. Puttappa (Kuvempu) was the Vice-Chancellor.

"Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion is a majestic building with 123 rooms and over 360 ornamentally carved wooden windows and doors and is an accepted part of Mysuru's heritage. Notably, on the ground floor is a Dancing Hall with stained glass dome, exquisitely decorated pillars, huge wooden decorations and specially crafted tiled flooring," the Committee has stated.

Sudha Murty's gesture

Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty had donated Rs.1.17 crore for the restoration of the Mansion in 2001. "Some restoration work was done and the mansion was converted into an Archaeology and Folklore Museum with more than 6,500 folklore artefacts and 3,000 antiquities, all informatively and well-arranged. But restoration work was not completed," the Committee wrote.

The Heritage Expert Committee had on many occasions pointed out the presence of small trees and plants growing in the cracks and joints of the roof. "Removal of such growth on the roof is a matter of routine maintenance which had clearly not been carried out for years. The University officials have been informally reminded more than once regarding this matter," the Committee stated.

Committee observation

"The University was advised that unless these were removed and the waterproofing restored, the roots would split open the roof, increase the rainwater seepage into the museum, and destroy the wooden roofing supports, leading to collapse of the roof itself. Evidence of rainwater seepage damage and collapse inside the building at several places was noted and photographed. The Dancing Hall is also in a dangerous structural condition," the letter stated.

"The mansion is in a critically dilapidated condition and in imminent danger of collapse over of much of its area, with irretrievable loss of precious heritage building and the artefacts and antiquities within it. The investment of Rs.10 lakh in 1959 by Kuvempu and the generous donation by Sudha Murty is on the verge of total loss," the Committee observed.

Mansion will be restored: VC

Reacting to the letter, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that he has not yet received the letter. "I might get it anytime soon. But irrespective of the Committee writing or not writing a letter regarding the upkeep of Jayalakshmi Vilas Mansion, we are doing our best to restore the structure," he said.

The VC said that they had already spoken to the Tourism Department about the restoration and attracting more funds. "Funds are not a problem as according to Tourism Department officials, they have dedicated funds. We will tie-up with the Department and the mansion will not be allowed to be neglected," he added.

Varamahalakshmi Festival celebrated in city amid COVID-19 shadow

Mysuru, July 31 (RKB&DM)- Amid the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the people of the city, especially the women folk, celebrated the traditional *Varamahalakshmi* festival today.

The festival, which is celebrated on the second Friday of *Shravana* month every year, saw women worshipping *Ashtalakshmi* — the Eight Goddesses of Wealth, Earth, Wisdom, Love, Fame, Peace, Contentment and Strength — at their homes with utmost devotion offering fruits, sweets and flowers.

Marking the festival, a *Kalasa* (representing the deity) was decorated with a sari, variety of flowers and gold jewellery, with offerings such as home-made sweets and *phala tamboola* placed in the altar.

The traditional Hindu festival goes by the name *Vara Mahalakshmi Vrata,* with women performing the *Vrata* by offering prayers seeking the blessings of the deity in the form of wealth and well-being of their family.

Special pujas marking the celebrations were performed at several temples of the city.

At Amruteshwara temple on Dewan's Road, the deity was decorated with currency notes and coins of all denominations in keeping with the past tradition and customary rituals were performed. The deity at Mahalakshmi temple near Netaji Circle in Dattagalli was adorned with Hasiru Thorana and colourful lightings.

Many women were seen inviting married women in their neighbourhood for offering them *phala tamboola* and *kunkuma.*

Varamahalakshmi Vrata is a festival to propitiate Goddess Lakshmi. Varalakshmi is one who grants boons and it is believed that worshipping Goddess Varamahalakshmi on this auspicious day is equivalent to worshipping Ashtalakshmi.

Over the past three days, the temporarily shifted flower market at J.K. Grounds saw big crowds, with people purchasing flowers for the festival, the first in the series of festivals that follow during the *Shravana Maasa*.

SSLC exam result by Aug. 8, says Minister Suresh Kumar

Kollegal, July 31- Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said here that the results of SSLC exam (2019-20) will be announced by Aug. 8.

Speaking to presspersons here yesterday, Suresh Kumar said that preparations are underway for the announcement of results. Asserting that schools do not re-open in August, the Minister said that the Government will take necessary measures under 'Vidyadhama' scheme for imparting education to children during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Pointing out that in the past, there were 240 academic days in a year, he said that due to COVID crisis, the academic days this year may get curtailed to 140 days and the Government will go for scientific downsizing of the curriculum after a careful review.

Nursing Superintendents: Applications invited

Mysuru, July 31- Applications are invited from eligible candidates for 44 vacant posts of Nursing Superintendents in Mysore District Hospital to be recruited through direct interview.

Candidates will be selected, on contract basis, on merit cum roaster basis for six months duration or until vacant posts are filled by the administration.

Desiring candidates who have passed B.Sc., Nursing, GNM or Diploma in Nursing courses and registered with Karnataka Nursing Council can attend the interview directly to be held on Aug. 3 from 10 am at the District Hospital, according to a release.

Book selection: Last date extended

Mysuru, July 31- Last date has been extended for submission of books, which have been published for the first time in 2020, to be selected by State-level Book Selection Committee.

Books should have copyrights issued from Office of Deputy Director, City Central Library, before Aug. 29 and one copy of the copyrighted book should be submitted to State-level Book Selection Committee along with the application, for selection, before Aug. 31, according to a press release.

Sushant Singh wanted to take up organic farming in South Kodagu

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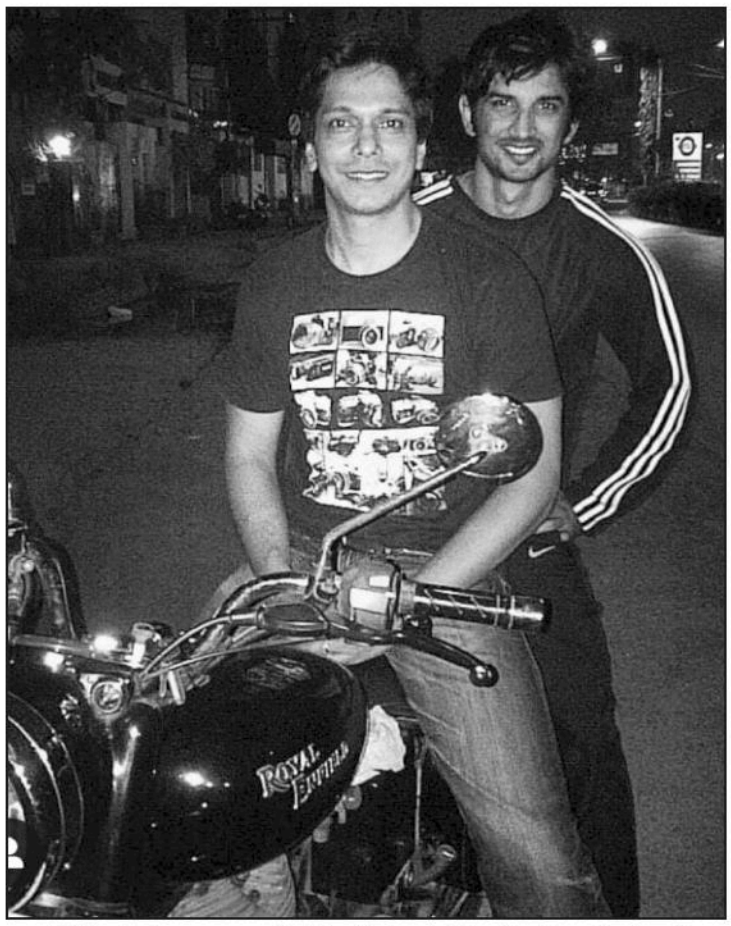
Sushant and Mahesh Shetty were close friends since 13 years from their TV serial days and both of them wanted to take up farming in Kodagu and even had sounded their contacts in Kodagu to look for an ideal place. Sources from the resort industry in Kodagu say that Sushant and Mahesh were looking for a plot of land suitable for organic farming on the Virajpet-Kutta road somewhere near Kerala border.

After Sushant Singh committed suicide, Mahesh Shetty wrote an eulogy for his friend and said: *"I never thought I'll ever be writing all this for you brother. Here we were planning our retirement farming dreams, here we are..."* He further wrote that he always knew Sushant Singh Rajput was the "blessed one" but never thought "God would take him away so soon." Shetty promised that he would behold the late actor's legacy.



This photo was posted by Mahesh Shetty after Sushant Singh's demise.

COVID testing labs to come up at all Taluk Centres in Kodagu

Madikeri, July 31 (KS)- Taking yet another step to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by conducting COVID testing on all symptomatic people, it has been decided to establish COVID testing laboratories at all taluk centres in the district.

The decision in this regard was taken at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) general meeting at the ZP auditorium in Madikeri which was chaired by ZP President B.A. Harish.

Speaking at the meeting, ZP Member Madappa said that COVID-19 positive cases were increasing in the district and there is a need to prevent the spread of the virus.

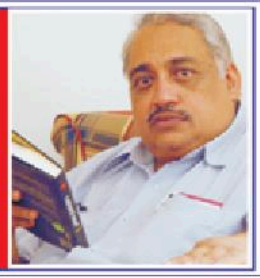
District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. K. Mohan, who also spoke said that COVID testing is being conducted at all hospitals in the district and samples are being sent to the District Medical Sciences Laboratory to get the reports. Stating that doctors are employed on contract basis to all Primary and Community Health Centres in the district, Dr. Mohan said and added that AYUSH doctors have already been deployed.

Meanwhile, Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences Director Cariappa said that Rs. 1.5 crore was needed to commence COVID testing labs and added that the Government has established COVID labs in all districts and the staff at the labs was working in three shifts.

Mookonda P. Subramani, Mookonda Viju Subramani, Kiran Cariappa, Srinivas, Appachanda Mahesh Ganapathy, C.P. Puttaraju, Kavitha Prabhakar and others also spoke.

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD



A Medley of COVID Comedies !

As we have all been seeing over the past five months, all writings and discussions about the global COVID-19 pandemic have been of a very grim and serious nature without any exceptions. And, it is understandably so too as we have so far not received any heartening or even reassuring news about conquering the pestilence. The tiny bits and pieces of some positive developments that are tossed in from time to time are only indications of what we may be able to do soon if everything goes as expected.

But expecting is one thing while the expected things actually happening is quite another. Even the once ubiquitous know-alls who ruled the roost on social media and bombarded us with their self acquired knowledge about how to effectively combat the COVID bug, have now meekly withdrawn into their shells like hibernating snails. And, a good many of their most ardent followers who followed their advice sincerely have said good bye to them!

But while the frenzy lasted, they sipped piping hot water all through the day and the night too, hoping to halt the virus in its tracks, but ending up only going to the loo all night! They drank every one of the dozens of vile tasting concoctions, believing them to be the elixirs of life while many even gargled with neat whisky three times a day, despite having been teetotallers all their life, only to end up developing a taste for it in a remarkably short time!

And, we can't blame them for doing it because when we said that a stiff concentration of alcohol is good for killing the virus on the outsides of their bodies, they very smartly extended the same advice to their innards too! All our most sought after astrologers too who watched the planetary positions in our solar system and very optimistically kept issuing dates and deadlines for the virus to shift to other planets have themselves shifted their positions away from their stands.

Our Prime Minister too who wanted just three days more than the eighteen days it took our forefathers to win the epic Mahabharatha war, now never talks of dates and deadlines! Today he seems just as perplexed as any one of us which is not at all surprising as no one on this earth has yet understood the tricks and temperament of this virus... not even our most celebrated medical scientists themselves.

A very famous neurologist of our own times has said that the knowledge that man now has about the brain is akin to the knowledge of the moon that men had when they thought that the moon was a light shining in the roof! A very humble but frank and true admission indeed. But that is the plain truth. Ask any learned neurologist how memory is stored in our brains or why some of us go mad while most of us remain sane and you will draw a complete blank. And this is the state of our knowledge after decades and decades of research.

So when we take the case of a virus that we are only now confronting, it is not very surprising that most of our surmises and assumptions are wrong. Things will no doubt change for the better with time but we have to all accept that all learning is going to be a very slow and painful process. There are no easy roads or short cuts. But despite the atmosphere of gloom around us the people I meet during the course of my work as a doctor very often tell me some very interesting and amusing stories. And, because you need to be a good listener first to be a good story teller I listen to them with interest.

Incidentally, to be a successful and popular doctor you must first be a good listener because that is where your bread and butter lie! Your competence and your abilities to heal come only after that.

Just last week I received a phone call from a close friend who seemed to be in a great sense of panic. He wanted my help in getting a hospital bed for his wife who was in acute respiratory distress and in urgent need of oxygen. He supported his request with the information that their brand new pulse oximeter was showing an alarmingly low level of oxygen saturation in her blood.

With this being the case and since he was himself a retired doctor in his own speciality, I decided not to waste time on eliciting a detailed history and got busy in contacting my hospital owning friends. Thankfully my first call itself yielded positive results and my friend at the other end asked me to rush the patient to his hospital. A swift ambulance did the job in record time and the patient was thankfully in safe hands. But those safe hands soon called me up to say that there was nothing wrong with my patient except that her pulse oximeter had everything wrong with it !

I am narrating this incident here because these days a great many people are arming themselves with these tiny medical devices which measure the concentration of oxygen in our blood. They are doing this after seeing messages on the social media that a drop in oxygen saturation is the first and most reliable sign of a COVID infection which is not completely true. So now all around us there are people who have glued these devices to their fingers and have glued one of their eyes to their displays while gluing the other to the displays of their mobile phones!

Because of the great demand for pulse oximeters at present they have started selling like hot cakes and sellers are procuring them from some very dubious sources and manufacturers and it is the users who are being taken for a ride.

The other medical devices that are in a great demand are oxygen cylinders because people have been told by their social media prophets that the first and most important requirement for any COVID-19 patient is oxygen. So they do not want to take chances at a time when hospital beds are really in short supply and prefer to keep their own oxygen supply standing in readiness at home.

The interesting thing is that many of my patients now tell me that they are regularly sniffing oxygen from their cylinders by day and even by night because they have heard that oxygen is the only thing that is saving the lives of COVID patients! This is the state of anxiety in which some people find themselves these days. You may not believe me when I say this but it is a fact that across the country many very rich people have even bought their own medical ventilators, cardiac monitors and mechanised hospital beds and have created their own ICUs in their own homes with the hope that they will not become victims of the ongoing shortage of beds in hospitals.

This reminds me of an incident a few years ago when a prosperous farmer came to my clinic and asked me if he could get stents inserted into his heart to pre-empt a heart attack in future. He did not want to be at the risk of getting a heart attack at a time when he would perhaps not be close to a good medical facility!

Practising medicine, although a pretty serious business, often has its own share of very funny incidents. Just a week ago a close friend of mine who is a very highly educated and erudite man, called me up rather late in the night saying that he was in great discomfort with chest pain, a sinking feeling and profuse sweating... the classic symptoms of a heart attack! I directed his wife to immediately drive him to a hospital which I knew was the closest to his house and get an ECG done and ask the duty doctor there to get in touch with me for further instructions.

This was done promptly and thankfully the ECG turned out to be normal and his discomfort subsided with just some simple, symptomatic treatment. **Incidentally, very often in most such cases, the news of a normal ECG itself acts as the most effective treatment!** With this he and his wife felt very relieved and I felt very relieved too and I went to sleep.

But the next morning when I checked my mail I found a long letter from him in my mailbox listing all the things he found wrong at the hospital I had sent him to! Finding it intriguing and amusing too, I shot off a mail saying: Sir, I'm very sorry that you found that the hospital I sent you to last night was not up to your expectations. But since your symptoms were very suggestive of a serious heart attack there simply was no other place close to your home where I could send you for a quick ECG without any risk to your life.

As a doctor with a small claim to some common sense I think it makes more sense for my patient to be alive in a dirty hospital than stone dead in a clean car in the middle of a rainy night. Incidentally, I'm sure your family members too would have preferred the former option than the latter!

Regarding your reference to the bad condition of the wires of the ECG machine there and the difficulty with which the nurse recorded your ECG only after more than one attempt, I have this to say. **With frayed wires, tangled or untangled and at the first attempt or the fourth, what makes sense is that the ECG taken there made perfect sense to me that despite your frayed nerves, you are indeed a good hearted man, worthy of my friendship, with your robust heart beating soundly in your manly chest! So let's celebrate that !!**

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Siddharamaiah accuses BJP Govt. of bowing to real estate lobby

Mysuru, July 31(PM&DM)- Alleging that the BJP Government made amendments to the Land Reforms Act bowing to real estate lobby, Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah maintained that the amendment is the biggest treachery against the farming community.

Speaking at a media interaction organised at Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) on Thyagaraja Road here yesterday, Siddharamaiah said that while former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs had amended the Karnataka Land Reforms Act favouring the farmers (The tiller is owner of land), the current BJP Government had amended the Act disfavouring the farmers (The rich is owner of land).

Stating that most of the farmers are small farmers owning just 2 or 3 acres of land, he said that the amendment will make the farmers lose their land holdings resulting in the return of the 'Zamindari' system of the past, as only the rich and industrialists can purchase the land without any hurdles.

Accusing the BJP Government of giving a go by to social justice, Siddharamaiah said that the BJP's anti-people stance can be seen by the amendments made to APMC, Land Reforms and Essential Commodities Acts.

Asserting that the 10 percent reservation for the economically backward upper castes as unconstitutional, he alleged that the BJP as indulged in horse-trading to bring down the Congress Government in Rajasthan just as it did in Madhya Pradesh.

He also came down heavily on the State Government for dropping chapters on Jesus Christ, Mohammad Pygambar, Tipu Sultan, Sangolli Rayanna, Rani Abbakkadevi and such other iconic personalities from school text books.

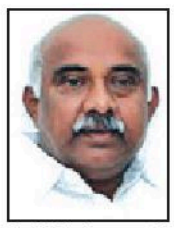
Replying to a question on the Congress party's veiled opposition to Land Reforms Act amendment, the Opposition leader replied that there are no differences within the congress over the issue and the party will continue to fight against the amendment. Noting that the Congress will first take up the issue of medical equipment purchase scam, he said that the Congress will raise the issue of amendments to Land Reforms, APMC and Essential Commodities Acts subsequently. He further said that the Congress will move the Court against the amendment to Land Reforms Act.

Accusing the current BJP Government in the State as Unconstitutional and immoral, he said that the BJP Government's achievement in the past one year was nil. Stating that the BJP has spent much on advertising its one year rule, he sarcastically likened the BJP Government to an empty pot that makes a lot of noise. Alleging that the BJP Government which has failed on all fronts was making false claims on its achievements,he said that the BJP had come to power by unethical and immoral means, throwing all democratic norms to the wind.

Alleging a big scam in Medical equipment purchase, he wondered why the BJP MPs from the State are silent over the Centre's step-motherly attitude towards the State. He also questioned the propriety of spending huge money on advertisements marking the BJP Government's one year in office. Siddharamaiah charged the Government of failing to adequately respond to the steps that were required to be taken for containing the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

MLA Tanveer Sait, former MLA M.K. Somashekar, MLC R. Dharmasena and others were present.

Five new BJP MLCs take oath



A.H.Vishwanath

C.P.Yogeshwar

Bengaluru, July 31- Five BJP MLCs who were recently nominated by the State Government, took oath at a simple ceremony held in Vidhana Soudha here yesterday.

Legislative Council Chairman Pratap Chandra Shetty administered the oath of office to C.P. Yogeshwar (Cinema), A.H. Vishwanath (Literary), Shantaram Siddi (Social Service), Bharathi Shetty (Social Service-Woman) and Dr. Sabanna Talwar (Education). While Yogeshwar, Dr. Sabanna Talwar and Vishwanath took oath in the name of God, Bharathi Shetty took oath in the name of *Bharath Mata* and Shantaram Siddi in the name of tribal icon Birsa Munda.

Barring Kannada and Culture Minister C.T. Ravi, no other Minister was present during the oath taking ceremony.

No vegetable sales at Dasara exhibition grounds

Mysuru, July 31- Ending the confusion over sale of vegetables at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde has clarified that retail sale of vegetables will not be allowed at the expo grounds.

In a press release, the Commissioner said that in the wake of the outbreak of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, the MCC, following a direction from the Deputy Commissioner, had temporarily shifted the vegetable market on M.G. Road to nearby Dasara Exhibition Grounds as a crowd control measure in April last, allowing only farmers and wholesale vegetable traders to do business. But as it was found that retail sellers and street vendors too had occupied the space,attracting a large number of people, there were complaints that COVID-19 regulation measures such as physical distancing and wearing of face masks were largely discarded at the venue.

As such, the MCC has ordered all retail vegetable vendors to move out of Dasara Exhibition Grounds and do business in the limits of their respective localities, the release said.

Three 'Veeragallu' found in B.M.Shri Nagar

Mysuru, July 31 (MK&DM)- In a latest discovery, the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, has unearthed three 'Veeragallu' (Hero Stones) that date back to the 15th century Vijayanagar empire.

The Department had taken up a cleaning drive near Mahalingeshwara Temple at B.M. Shri Nagar in Metagalli, when one Hero Stone was found beneath the earth and two others covered in thick bushes and plants.

These Hero Stones are said to be inscriptions for martyred soldiers of the Vijayanagar empire who had died in a war.

Speaking to press-persons, the Department's Museum Curator Sunil Kumar said that cleaning was being taken up near Mahalingeshwara Temple prior to an excavation, when two Hero Stones were first discovered and another one subsequently.

Stating that there are chances of a few more Hero Stones lying beneath the earth, he said that all the three Hero Stones have three differentiations. While the one at the top signifies that martyred soldiers attain heaven, the middle one carries inscriptions depicting women carrying martyred soldiers to heaven and the bottom one depicts the heroics of soldiers, he said and added that the inscriptions reflect on the war that took place during the time of Vijayanagar rulers.

He further said that the discovered Hero Stones do not hint at any sort of association between Metagalli and Vijayanagar empire. Sunil Kumar also said that the Department left the Hero Stones at the spot of their discovery as local residents promised to conserve them.

ASHA workers return to work

Mysuru, July 31- Twenty days after boycotting work and seeking fulfilment of their various demands, ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activists) workers, who are among the frontline warriors in the Government's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, called off their strike and returned to work on Thursday.

The ASHA workers were on strike since July 10.

The Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha said that it has called off the strike after the Government agreed to fulfil some of their demands, which chiefly included monthly honorarium of Rs.12,000 and PPE kits for all workers who are out on the field.

D. Nagalakshmi, State Secretary of the Sangha said that the decision was taken following meetings with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Health Minister B. Sriramulu earlier this week, who assured that their demands will be fulfilled.

Woman goes missing from city

Jayamma

Mysuru, July 31 (MK&KS)- A 56-year-old woman, who left her house on July 28 at about 6 am, saying that she was going to Devaraja Market to buy flowers has since gone missing.

The missing woman is Jayamma, a resident of Ashraya Layout in Alanahalli.

According to the complaint lodged by Jayamma's sister's daughter Sowmya with Laskhar Police, she has stated that when she (Sowmya) enquired with auto drivers known to her, she came to know that Jayamma was dropped near Sub-Urban Bus Stand on July 29 at about 5.45 am.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Lashkar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418307 or Mob: 94808-02232, according to a press release.

WORD OF THE DAY

Pelagic

Pronunciation: puh-LAJ-ik
Meaning: Of, relating to, or living or occurring in the open sea : oceanic.
Origin: Pelagic comes to us from Greek, via Latin. The Greek word pelagikos became pelagicus in Latin and then pelagic in English. (Pelagikos is derived from pelagos, the Greek word for the sea—it is also a source of archipelago—plus the adjectival suffix -ikos.) Pelagic first showed up in dictionaries in 1656; a definition from that time says that Pelagick (as it was then spelled) meant "of the Sea, or that liveth in the Sea." Centuries later, writers are still using pelagic with the same meaning, albeit less frequently than its more familiar synonym oceanic.
Example: "Smith counted 10 rock pigeons and another red-breasted merganser, along with a thin-billed pelagic cormorant and three Brandt's cormorant." — Paul Rowley.

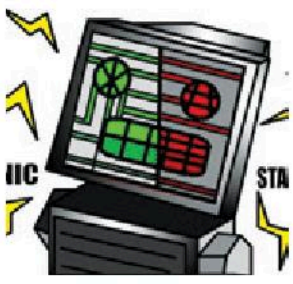
THE ODD WORD

Pachynsis

Thickening.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Panic stations



Meaning: A state of high alert, often a simulated panic for comic effect.
Origin: The earliest citation of the term 'panic stations' that I can find in print comes from the New York newspaper The World, September 1892. The actual reference is to 'anti-panic stations', which were units set up by the local medical services in order to reassure the public during a cholera outbreak. However, that can't be said to be the origin of the term, as it has a different meaning to the one that we usually understand.
The real 'panic stations' is a rare linguistic beast, in that it is a nautical phrase that doesn't originate from the heydays of sail. One of the numerous meanings of the word station is 'a position assigned to a man on duty'. The Royal Navy had several commands to call sailors to their stations, notably 'action stations', which was ordered when a ship came under attack. Oddly, for a term that sounds like an ironic play on words, 'panic stations' was an actual command. This is apparent in a report titled Behind the Veil, published in The Times, November 1918:
Alarm gongs had already sent the guns' crews to their invisible guns and immediately after the explosion 'Panic stations' was ordered, followed in due course by 'Abandon ship'.
The above story itself relates to HMS Prize, one of the Q-ships that were used by the UK as a defence against the German U-boat submarines in World War I.

QUOTE BOX

Every season has its peaks and valleys. What you have to try to do is eliminate the Grand Canyon. **— Andy Van Slyke**

RIDDLE THIS

I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I?

Answer : Your breath.

SUDOKU

		2		3	4	8		
1	3			6				
					9	3		
			8		2		5	
		8				1		
	7		9		6			
		7	6					
				4			2	1
		5	2	8		4		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	9	2	6	8	3	5	1	7
7	1	3	5	4	2	6	8	9
8	6	5	7	9	1	2	4	3
5	7	8	1	2	4	9	3	6
3	2	9	8	7	6	4	5	1
6	4	1	9	3	5	8	7	2
9	8	6	4	1	7	3	2	5
1	3	4	2	5	9	7	6	8
2	5	7	3	6	8	1	9	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Actor Guinness
5 Casual talk
9 Bristle of barley
12 Not well off
13 Elevated, not low
14 Minstrel song
15 Socially unacceptable (3-1)
16 An obsession (4,4)
18 Perplexed or uncertain (2,3)
20 Move slowly
21 Cambodia's neighbour
24 Moral values
27 Tomb inscriptions
31 Additionally
32 Infant?
33 Golf item
34 Makes a fuss of
35 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
36 Last day of the week?
38 Courage
41 Disconcert
42 Misfortunes
44 Otherwise? (2,3)
48 Inducting or designing
52 One in Bonn
53 The Scottish for 'own'
54 ___ or twice : a few times
55 Cert. Public. Accts.
56 Bits Per Second, abbr.
57 Inert gas
58 Converts into leather

DOWN

1 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
2 Rob, especially on a large scale, by violence or corruption
3 Long time periods
4 Viciousness or harshness
5 Letter before psi
6 Concealed or kept away from sight?
7 very old
8 At that place
9 Dismounted
10 Cerumen
11 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
17 Obese; not thin
19 American Auto. Assoc.
22 ___ out : decides to leave or withdraws ?
23 Bundle of hay or straw
25 Smallest possible amount?
26 Warm and snug
27 Poetically black
28 Lacking in colour
29 The people who live in Spain or Portugal
30 Coarse stiff hair
34 Senior pupil
37 Submachine gun
39 Very Low Frequency
40 Pop singer ___ John
43 Trigonometric term
45 Type of palm
46 __ __ even keel : cruising serenely? (2,2)
47 Hardy heroine
48 A small flat-fish
49 ___ Van Winkle : he slept for twenty years?
50 Non-comm off.
51 General, abbr.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	E	R	E		I	M	P		T	E	A	M
K	I	E	V		W	I	I		R	A	R	E
I	D	E	E	F	I	X	E		I	R	I	S
			N	O	N		R	W	A	N	D	A
A	T	A	L	E		A	C	E	D			
F	U	R	Y		O	M	I	S	S	I	O	N
R	T	A		T	R	E	N	T		A	R	E
O	U	T	D	O	I	N	G		A	G	E	S
			R	U	E	D		T	O	O	L	S
T	A	V	E	R	N		A	I	R			
A	R	E	A		T	I	B	E	T	A	N	S
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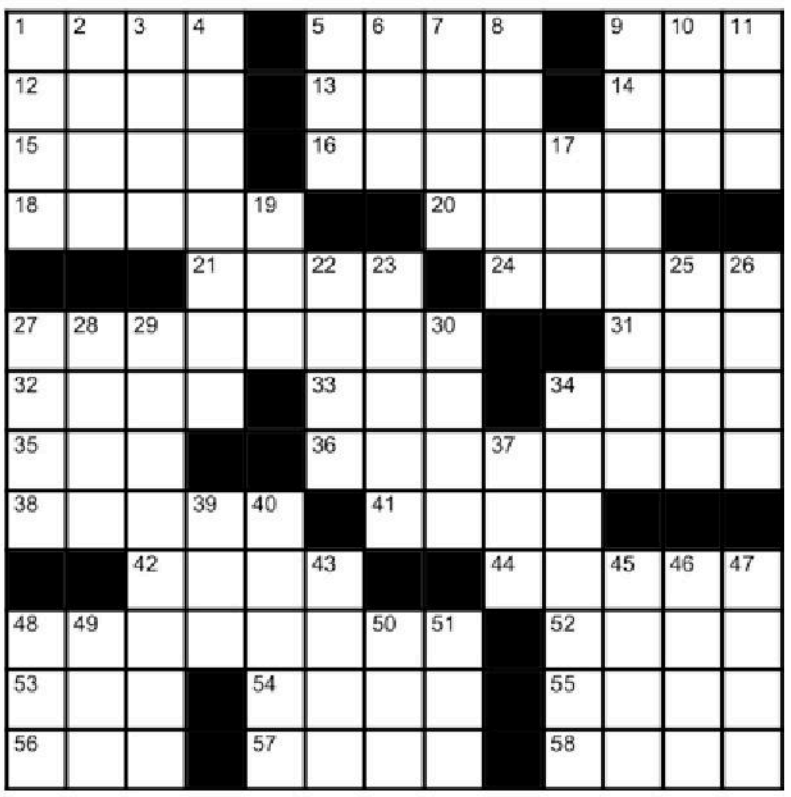

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NIPRKB ZUGGUOBPM PMXU BKWA, 'YU BIPJCA MUQUO ZJALU K VOUBWAUMN FS IWB KLU, PMCS FS IWB YPOTB.' KMA UQUO BWMXU IU NPCA RU NIKN, W BNPVVUA YPOOSWML - OPMKCA OUKLKM

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything.

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Wild growth of weeds at Gokulam 2nd Stage: MCC Ward-19 Health Supervisor clarifies

Following publication of the photo news in this column on July 28 about the wild growth of weeds near BSNL Telephnone Exchange in Gokulam 2nd Stage that needs to be cleared, MCC Ward-19 Health Supervisor Lakshman has clarified that the weeds were cleared and has sent the photo of the same (see pic below).

Abundant growth of weeds in vacant site at SBM Colony

A vacant site at SBM Colony in Srirampura 2nd Stage, near Nandini Milk Booth, is filled with weeds and has become a safe place for rodents to breed. This is attracting snakes, which prey on these rodents and sometimes enter houses causing tension to the residents. Also, mosquitoes have increased in the vicinity. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the vacant site cleared of unwanted plants and weeds at the earliest.

Installation of Inner Wheel South East

The installation ceremony of new office-bearers of Inner Wheel Club of Mysore South East for the year 2020-21 was held at Shubhangi Bhavan, Jayanagar, on July 25. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left): ***Seema Mariswamy (Imm. Past President), Vinitha Sathish (Installing Officer), Rtn. PHF M. Rajjev (President-RMSE), Shubha Muralidhar (President), Veena Ravindra (Secretary);*** Standing from left: ***Shamanthaka Murthy (Joint Secretary), Meghna Gururaj (Treasurer), Geetha Vishwanath (Editor), Lalitha Ranganath (EC Member), Suman Urs, Revathi Prasad, Srilakshmi, Leela Prabhuram (EC Members).***

New team of Rotary Club of Vijayanagar

The installation ceremony of the new office-bearers of Rotary Club of Vijayanagar for the year 2020-21 was held on July 24 at a Hotel in city. Seen are Club President Rtn. Mariswamy Nayak, Secretary Rtn. M. Jagadeesha, chief guest PDG Rtn. Gururaj, Hon. Member and MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Assistant Governor Rtn. H.M. Harish, Zonal Lieutenant Rtn. Rajesh, Outgoing President Rtn. Dr. Anil Kumar, Founder Rtn. Shreeshyla Ramannavar, Rtn. Anand Kumar, Rtn. Chandrakumar, Rtn. Muniswamygowda, Rtn. Krishnegowda, Rtn. Manjunath, Rtn. Dr. Phaneesh, Rtn. Vishwanath, PHF Rtn. K.M. Manjunath, Rtn. Ramegowda, Rtn. Narayanaswamy, Rtn. Mahesh and Rtn. Vanajaksha.

Lions Club of Mysore Nisarga installed

The installation programme of Lions Club of Mysore Nisarga for the Lionistic Year 2020-21 was held recently. The new office-bearers are led by President Kushal Abijeeth, Secretary Jayakumar and Treasurer Manjunath Shetty. PDG Ln. Deviprasad inducted 16 new members to the Club. On the occasion, the Club felicitated Legislator Niranjan Murthy and DHO Dr. Nagaraj. As part of its service activities, the Club donated kitchen equipment to Akshaya Ahaara Jolige, Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant to Hinkal School, Rs. 25,000 to needy student, artificial limbs to handicapped persons and utensils to an orphanage.

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The Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysore invites on behalf of the president of India, Sealed item rate tenders from approved and eligible contractors having experience in works of 'Similar Nature' for the following work:

Tender Reference No.	BARC / RMP / AM / VR / 2020 / 05
Name of work	Collection of FIM, Fabrication of P-arm assembly as per drawing, Inspection, and supply of P-arm assembly to RMP stores, BARC, Mysuru.
Estimated Cost	Rs. 2,50,000
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 5,000
Period of Completion	03 (Three) Months
Security Deposit	2.5 % of Tendered Value
Performance Guarantee	5% of Tendered value
Cost of Tender Document	Rs. 500/-
Tender Sale Period	From 30/07/2020 to 14/08/2020 1100 Hrs & 1600 hrs
Due Date & time for submission of Tender	28/08/2020 at 1500 Hrs
Due date & time for opening of Tender	29/08/2020 at 1515 Hrs
Place for Tender submission	Tender Box having identification No. 3 at Building No.2.
Place for Tender opening	O/o Pay and Accounts Officer, BARC, Building No. 2
Class of Contractor	Mechanical
Nature of Work	Fabrication of P-tube assembly from FIM.
Eligibility criteria	**Satisfactorily completed at least three similar works each costing Rs 1,00,000.00 (40%), or two similar works each costing Rs 1,50,000.00 (60%) or one similar work costing Rs 2,00,000.00 (80%) of the estimated cost of tender, during the last 05 years ending on last day of month previous to one in which tender sales starts.**

1. Tender documents will be issued only in person and will not be issued by post or courier. A complete set of Tender documents in English will be issued against written request by authorized signatory on company letter head and as approved by Project Manager, AMD or Engineer-In-Charge. Prospective bidder or his authorized representative shall bring photo identification like Passport, Voter's Identity Card, Driving License, Identity Card issued by the employer for entry into BARC premises for purchase of tender documents as well as their submission. Prior confirmation on phone (0821- 240 6545, 0821-240 6201) shall have to be taken by the bidder so as to arrange entry to BARC and review of documents.
2. Tender documents can be obtained on working days from the Pay and Accounts Officer, RMP, BARC, Yelwal, Mysore –571 130. Tender cost shall be paid in cash at Cash counter. Tender cost is non-refundable.
3. Technical clarifications regarding the tender can be obtained from the EIC or Office of the Project Manager (Advanced Machine Division) (Ph. No. 0821-240 6545, 2406201).
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